

**ELECTION OF SPECIES:**

Applicants provisionally elect the species designated by the Examiner as a method of manufacturing a multi-tip probe using a focused charged particle beam in an etching or sputtering process and list claims 19-25, 33 and 36-41 as being readable on the elected species. Claims 19, 22-25, 33 and 36-41 are generic to each of the three species identified by the Examiner.